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1. I SUMMARIZED IN DETAIL FOR DEFENSE MINISTER WEIZMAN
SECRETARY VANCE'S LUNCHEON MEETING WITH BOUTROS, AS IN-
STRUCTED IN REFTEL. WEIZMAN TOOK CAREFUL NOTES AND SAID
HE WOULD COMMENT WITH AN HOUR OR TWO, WHICH HE DID.

2. WEIZMAN'S COMMENT WAS THAT THE ISRAELIS WOULD NOT
INTERFERE WITH ANY WITHDRAWAL OF PLO FORCES AND, THEY WOULD
ASSURE SIMILAR RESTRAINT BY THE CHRISTIANS. HE WENT ON
TO SAY MEANINGFULLY THAT "HE HAD NOT HEARD AND IS PAYING NO
ATTENTION TO THE REFERENCES TO TEN KILOMETERS" WHICH
FIGURED IN THE LUNCHEON DISCUSSION. HE AGAIN MADE CLEAR
THAT ISRAEL WOULD BE LOOKING FORWARD TO DISCUSSING WITH
THE LEBANESE, AT THE APPROPRIATE MOMENT, IN THE NEAR FUTURE,
FURTHER POSSIBLE WITHDRAWALS, INCLUDING FROM THE ARQOUB.

3. WEIZMAN ALSO RESTATED THE ISRAELI READINESS FOR ENTRY
INTO SOUTH LEBANON OF LEBANESE ARMY FORCES, AND CER-
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TAINLY WOULD NOT INTERFERE WITH THEIR ENTRY. IN FACT,
HE SAID, "WE WILL WELCOME THEM WITH OPEN ARMS".

4. WEIZMAN SAID THAT HIS OFFICERS WERE READY AND
AGREEABLE TO DISCUSS WITH THE LEBANESE MILITARY OFFI-
CERS THE PRECISE MODALITIES AND DEPLOYMENTS WHICH THE
LEBANESE ARMY WOULD BE FOLLOWING. HE ASKED ME AGAIN

HOW SOON THE LEBANESE FORCES WOULD BE DEPLOYED, SAYING
THAT AGREEMENT HAD NOW BEEN REACHED THAT THE
MEETINGS WOULD TAKE PLACE IN MARJAYOUN. I SAID THAT
IT WAS MY IMPRESSION THAT AS SOON AS THE MILITARY-TO-
MILITARY CONVERSATIONS ON ARRANGEMENTS FOR DEPLOYMENT TOOK
PLACE SATISFACTORILY, THAT THE LEBANESE FORCES COULD BE
DEPLOYED WITHIN TWO OR THREE DAYS. LEWIS

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